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The Balanced-Growth Focus Portfolio

Portfolio Objective:

The primary objective of the Balanced – Growth Focus portfolio is to invest in a portfolio of both bonds and equities with an emphasis on returns earned primarily through capital appreciation as well as via interest and dividend income. There will be some risk to capital.

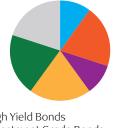
Investment Advisor:

The Investment Advisor is RBC Investment Management (Caribbean) Limited. The Investment Advisor provides advice on portfolio allocation, ETF selection and portfolio rebalancing.

Portfolio Strategy:

The strategy provides a diversified exposure to USD-denominated bonds and equities using Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). The selection of ETFs will be weighted more towards equities than bonds with a focus on capital appreciation, balanced by some more stable income generation. The equity ETFs held will include small and mid-sized companies that are expected to grow faster than average over time, albeit with a higher level of volatility than large companies. Small and medium-sized companies generally do not pay much by way of dividends and as such most of the return acheived will be via price appreciation. The bond ETFs will be concentrated in Investment Grade credit although there will be some expsoure to High Yield and Emerging Markets.

Target Portfolio Allocation:

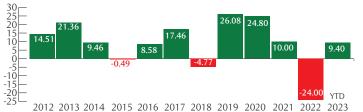


High Yield Bonds
Investment Grade Bonds
Emerging Market Bonds
Large Cap Growth Equities
Mid-Cap Growth Equities
Small-Cap Growth Equities

Target Portfolio Holdings:

iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF		
iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF		
iShares JP Morgan USD Emerging Market Bond ETF		
Schwab US Large Cap Growth ETF		
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Fund ETF		
iShares Russel 2000 Growth ETF	20%	

Historical Return to Sept 30, 2023:



These returns do not include fees

Who should invest? Market Outlook:

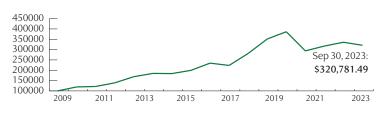
Investors seeking higher returns and those who can withstand a moderate level of risk. There is risk to capital, however, over the long-term this portfolio should outperform deposits and other shortterm instruments. It is recommended investors have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years. The U.S. Federal Reserve opted to raise interest rates in July 2023 by a further 25 bps bringing the total increases to 75 bps for 2023 thus far. Headline inflation was flat in September 2023 at 3.7% indicating that the end of the tightening cycle is within sight. What is less clear, is whether an easing cycle will commence thereafter: the data so far suggests not. With inflation still above target and labour data still robust, the expectation of "higher for longer" interest rates have taken

Average Annualised Return:

Returns to Sept 30, 2023	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Balanced - Growth Focus Portfolio	13.7%	0.9%	4.6%	7.1%
Benchmark	11.6%	1.0%	3.9%	6.7%

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The Value of a US\$100,000 Investment:



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hold. Q2 GDP growth was steady at 2.1% after an upwardly revised 2% in Q1. While a recession is still widely expected, it has been pushed out to 2024 and the odds have been lowered as the consumer has been quite resilient. After 3 consecutive positive quarters, the S&P 500 turned negative in Q3, down 3.65%, as investors re-evaluated the Federal Reserve's tightening path, amid strong economic data and stubborn inflation.



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